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To the PUBLIC.

THE Subscribers having opened a Printing-Office in the town of Bennington, take this early opportunity of offering their service to the public, and of assuring them that the strictest attention will be paid to every command with which they may be honored.

A public Paper being among the most advantageous branches of the Art of Printing, they have commenced a publication of that kind and propose to continue it weekly on the terms subjoined: which they hope will appear liberal when the great expence of procuring paper, &c. is considered and will of course obtain the countenance and support of an indulgent public.

The printers return their hearty thanks to those worthy gentlemen who have voluntarily subscribed proposals for encouraging their business in the State and hope by their conduct to evince so great a disposition to serve the public as to merit the continuance of their friendly favors.

In expectation of rendering essential services to the cause of freedom, as well as gaining a competent support for themselves they beg leave to submit, to the public consideration, the following

PROPOSALS for continuing the publication of

THE
VERMONT GAZETTE,
OR
FREEMEN's DEPOSITORY.

I. The Paper to be published regularly on such day as shall be found most likely to answer the principal end of publications of this nature, viz. the speedy conveyance of the most important intelligence.

II. The freedom of the press to be inviolably preserved, and the productions of the ingenious, on every subject, at all times gratefully received and duly attended to.

III. The price to subscribers in the town of Bennington, and its vicinity, to the distance of twenty miles, will be ten shillings per year, (the papers to be lodged at such places on the main road through each town, as shall be most convenient to the subscribers. The papers will be afforded by post riders to towns more remote, at a price proportionably reasonable.

IV. The first half year's pay to be advanced, in order to enable the printers to prosecute their business with spirit.

V. Advertisements of a moderate length will be inserted three weeks for four shillings and six pence, and longer ones in the same proportion. The money to be sent with them.

Should these terms prove acceptable, the printers pledge themselves to furnish the State of Vermont with a Gazette equal in size, (and they hope in no respect inferior) to those printed in the neighbouring States.

SPRINGFIELD, May 27.

On Tuesday last being the day on which the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, and the Court of Common Pleas opened in this town, a banditti, collected from the obscure corners of the county, composed of men of the most infamous characters, to the amount of about sixty in number, met in this town to prevent the sitting of the Court. Without system and without any regular plan of conduct they proceeded to the most daring acts of outrage. They shewed no disposition to oppose the courts in the forenoon; at two o'clock they met at a public house in the town, and resolved themselves to be a convention of the county, met together for the purpose of redressing grievances, after having passed several important resolves they adjourned their convention to the elm tree near the Court House; and when the Court, headed by the Sheriff, came to the door, with insolence opposed their entrance; the Sheriff in the mild terms of persuasion, addressing them as gentlemen, desired them to make way, his civility was repaid with outrage, and an action soon commenced; happily there was a collection of people present, friendly to the government, the mob was repulsed with broken heads, a number of them were instantly taken and committed to prison; after which by a regular proceedure they were brought before the Court of Sessions for examination, and were bound to appear before the Supreme Court.

As Mr. Stephen Russel of this town, was returning on Friday last from Hartford in a boat, his brother, a lad of about 13, with another of nearly the same age, espying the boat at a small distance, set out in a canoe to meet it; the boat was under way with a brisk wind, when (by reason of the impetuosity of the stream, the lads could not manage the canoe so as to avoid striking the head of the boat with great force) it was instantaneously overset, one of them reached the boat and was saved; Mr. Russell sprang into the water to relieve his brother, who was unable to swim, desired him to take hold of his cloaths that he might carry him to the boat, unhappily the lad seized him in such a manner as rendered all his exertions vain: In this situation they both sank to the